

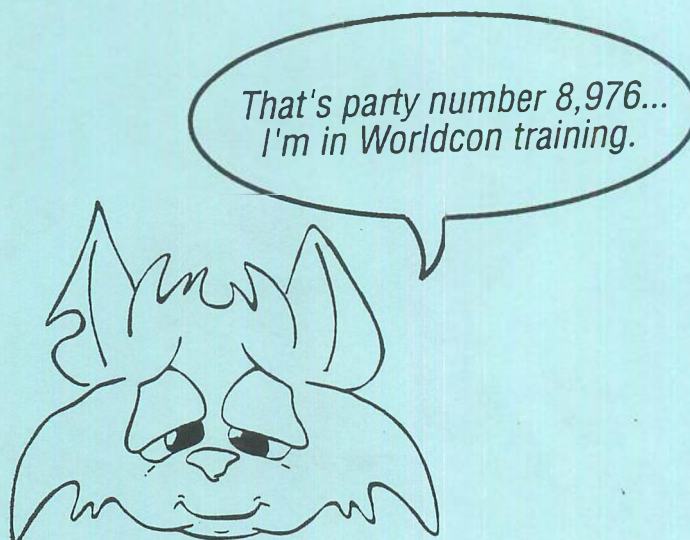
# SFSFS Shuttle

August 1992  
#89



## CONTENTS

Meeting News  
Trip Report  
It Came in the Mail  
Days of Interest  
FANAC  
Gerry Antics  
Meeting Minutes  
LOCs  
LOCs cont.  
Membership Application Form  
YAGTB



### Shuttle Crew

#### Co-Editors:

Don Cochran, Fran Mullen

#### Contributors:

Gerry sent a review - will print in the big  
Magicon issue next month!

#### Cover:

Sheryl Birkhead

#### Art:

Sheryl Birkhead 2,3, Linda Michaels 5,  
PAM 8.

#### Shuttle Logo:

Phil Tortorici

#### SFSFS Logo:

Gail Bennett

#### Work Crew:

Just Fran & Don. Chuck's roughing it in  
the Cayman Islands.

For information about SFSFS, call Francine  
at (305) 435-9572

Correspondence should be addressed to:

SFSFS Shuttle Editor

PO Box 70143

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143

or E-Mailed to Fran Mullen via

Compuserve # 76137,3645

COA's should be sent  
to the SFSFS Secretary  
at the above PO Box

Deadline for July Shuttle:  
Monday, August 25, 1992

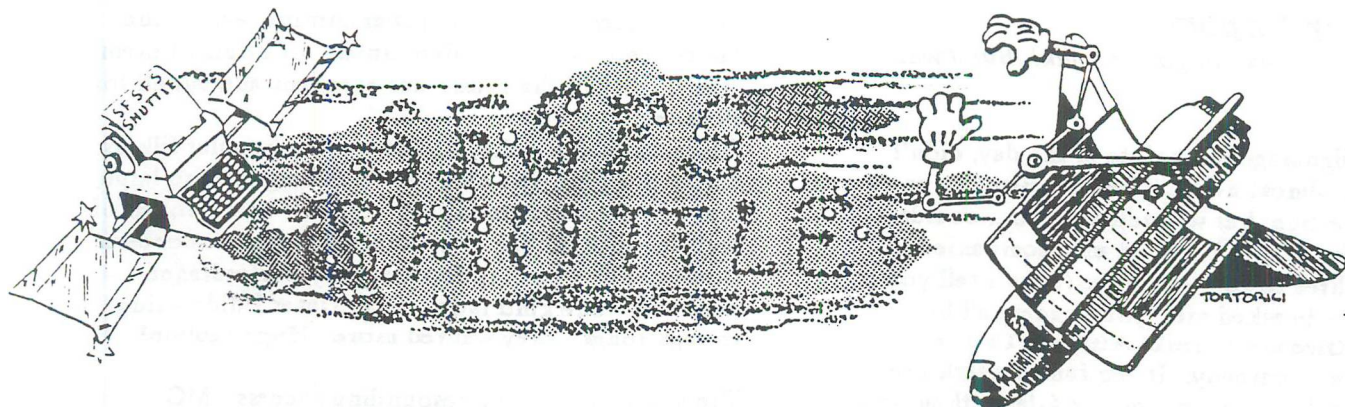
### The SFSFS SHUTTLE August 1992 #89

The South Florida Science Fiction Society is a Florida non-profit educational corporation recognized by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501 (c) (3). General membership is \$15 per year for adults, \$1 for children (*see form at the back of this issue for current pro-rated dues*). Subscribing membership is \$1 per issue. The views, reviews, and opinions expressed in the SFSFS SHUTTLE are those of the authors and artists and not necessarily those of the publishers.

And so it goes . . .

SEMPER SURSUM





August 1992 Issue #89

## The Official SFSFS Newsletter

### AUGUST MEETING

**DATE:** Saturday, August 22  
**TIME:** 2:00pm to 4:30pm  
**PLACE:** Riverland Library  
 2710 W. Davie Blvd.  
 Davie, FL  
 (305) 791-1085

**Directions:** Take I-95 from wherever, to arrive at the Davie Road Exit (#28). Exit and head west to the intersection of Davie and Riverland. The library is in a small shopping center on the southwest corner of the intersection. If you are coming via State Road 7 (a.k.a. 441), you take Davie Road east to Riverland. They have made the Riverland entry from SR 7 much more inconvenient, although it is still possible. Call Fran at (305) 435-9572 if you still need help.

#### PROGRAM:

Frederick Bragdon discusses the Hugo Nominees and tell us a little about some of the stories we may have missed. Some of you who attended last year's pre-worldcon meeting will remember that Fred was our best source of information re: the Hugos. However, don't let that stop you from contributing on your own. If you have read any of the nominees, come tell us about them.

### T-XI CONCOMM

Gerry has called the next meeting for one hour prior to the general meeting (1:00 to 2:00) at the above location.

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

We feel we should have a "wake" for Magicon staff. Time and place TBA. Let's talk! Fran also has 12 to 13 hours of Filk Concert Videos from OKon (we don't have to watch them all). Would anyone like to see Linda Melnick's new trio, Musical Chairs, or perhaps you've never seen/heard Marty Burke, Barry & Sally Chiids-Helton and Wm. Mark Simmons. And some of you will remember Diana Gallagher. Your choice. Let me know at (305) 435-9572. Leave a message on the answering machine.



### SHUTTLE NEWS

Shuttle Endeavor is scheduled for the second week in September (just in time for Magicon?), carrying Spacelab J, a laboratory for micro-gravity research (being done in collaboration with Japan). The mission will last one week. Landing is scheduled for Kennedy Space Center.

To get a car pass, write NASA Visitor Services, Mail Code NASA PA-PASS, Kennedy Space Center, Florida 32899. For current Shuttle info, call 407 867-INFO.

## **Fran's Trip Report**

*(yes, it was a long way to go for a filk! But it was worth it!!!)*

I began my pilgrimage rather late in the day, didn't get started till almost noon. I had promised to go to the SFSFS meeting, but wanderedust set in...couldn't wait any longer. There I was, an unaccompanied female on a three to four day drive (I can't tell you how many people asked me, "you're going all by yourself?"). Give me a break! After all, I had my bird to keep me company. It was fun to watch the cars getting ready to pass me on the 4-lane, then slow down to do a double-take. You'd think they'd never seen a bird sitting on a headrest (leaving little unmentionables all over the back of the seat). She was a very attentive companion, especially when I snacked on peanuts. Of course, one never knew what one would find on the back of one's shirt.

I made it to Tulsa in three days (running on adrenaline) just in time to walk in on a rehearsal of the Penguin Players. They have always given the entertainment during the judging of the masquerade at OKon. The puns were flying, the heat was soaring, and Taco Bell was just across the street. They practice at my house (I rent to Roger, a good, fannish friend) because (1) the rooms are large, and (2) Roger is the director. I fit right in, being pretty weirded out and tired.

After spending a few days protecting my bird from Roger's two cats, I was ready to check into our suite at the Camelot. However, the hotel wasn't ready, and wasn't ready, and wasn't ready. It seems the hotel manager fancies himself some kind of programmer and wrote the hotel program instead of buying a commercial product with all the bugs worked out. There was a verrrrry long line in reception all day Friday. I got in line at 5:00 pm, and it only took me half an hour to get my room.

However, this was a good time to renew acquaintances. I didn't recognize Robin Bailey at first, 'cause he was disguised as a cowboy. He now sings in a C&W band, and came in his performing get up (I recognized him later when he changed to shorts - great legs).

OKon had more than the usual hotel problems, as the hotel was getting ready to be sold and could care less. Chuck got towels for our suite by calling the janitor at 1:00 am and waking him up. The A/C and maid service were non-existent (except in our suite - Chuck can be very persuasive). The huge Dealers Room was the only function space with A/C by Sunday, as two air conditioners blew up - one over the Art Show (during the Art Auction) - but no harm was done aside from smoke in the air vents.

I didn't attend any of the programming, except the filk concerts, which I video taped - 13 hours of them.

The quality of the music was excellent and varied for all tastes.

OKon has/had a policy of showcasing popular filkers during the day. The after-hours filking grew so large, that people complained they couldn't hear enough of their favorite filkers. The solution was mini-concerts all weekend. I can modestly say my performance went well - one kind lady told me later I didn't sing enough songs - they wanted more. Huge egoboo!

The masquerade has a resounding success. MC David Lee Anderson kept the laughs coming, the costumes were good, and the presentations were well rehearsed. The Penguin Players put on their best performance yet.

The Art Auction brought in lots of money, in spite of the A/C problem. A great deal of the items auctioned were for the charities: Tulsa Senior Services Adult Day Car and Project Get Together.

Closing Ceremonies was long, as there were many OKon Staff to honor - with trophies bearing antennaeed penguins. People were thanked, tears were shed, and OKon was put to bed for the last time. But fandom is alive in Tulsa - there are other cons springing up as you read this.

Monday, Chuck and I visited his mom in Muskogee, then Tuesday he flew back to Ft. Laud. I spent the rest of the time cleaning a very dusty attic, visiting family and celebrating Tisha's 22nd birthday (they sure grow up fast, don't they?).

The drive back was an anti-climax. I wasn't in the mood for camping as I originally planned. Just too tired. It took me four days to drive back - there wasn't a con at the end of the road (sigh).

Lessons learned: (1) always ask for the non-smoking rooms of cheap motels, especially if you need to rehearse for a pending concert (hack, hack, koff, koff). (2) Don't forget your towel (to cover the carseat). And (3) take lots of peanuts.

### **ROOMMATE CENTRAL**

Cynthia Plockelman is looking to share a room with someone who already has one at Magicon. She is a non-smoker. She is reachable at: her office (407) 686-6076 or at home after 5:30 pm (407) 585-1278. Messages can be left at her bookstore (407) 582-0067.

Shidene Ananayo would like to share a ride to Orlando for Magicon, leaving Friday from S. Miami @ 5:00 pm or early the next morning. Non-driver - but will split the gas. Leave msg - (305) 662-9426.

## ITCAME

## IN THE MAIL

(These issues are filed in the SFSFS Library for members to check out and read. Call Fran for info)

DASFAX v24#7 (Jul 92)

FOSFAX #161 (Jul 92)

INSTANT MESSAGE #515 (1 Jul 92)

& #516 (29 Jul 92)

#515 contains member roster.

#516 is obviously a hoax, being on ordinary white paper.

INTERSTELLAR TRANSMISSIONS #1

c/o Mark Woda

7314 NW 39th St.

Coral Springs, FL 33065

The new kid in town - a social SF club.

THE INTERGALACTIC REPORTER

v16#7 (Jul 92)

Mimosa #12 (Jul 92)

Dick & Nicki Lynch

PO Box 1350

Germantown, Maryland 20875

The NASFA SHUTTLE v12#7 (Jul 92)

OASFIS EVENT HORIZON #62 (Jul 92)

& #63 (Aug 92)

Orlando Area SF Society

PO Box 940992

Maitland, FL 32794-0992

Ed: Louise M. Kleba

PENGUIN DIP #55 (Jul 92)

Stephen H. Dorneman

53 Hill Road #705

Belmont, MA 02178

P.S.F.S. News (Jul 92) & (Aug 92)

SITUATION NORMAL?? v2#6,

v2#7, & v2#8

Southern Nevada Area Fantasy &  
Fiction Union

P.O. Box 95941

Las Vegas, Nevada 89193

Ed: Aileen Forman



SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM (Jun 92)

Stone Hill Launch Times (Jul 92)  
& (Aug 92)

The Texas SF Inquirer #44

Fandom Assoc. of Central Texas

PO Box 9612

Austin, TX 78766

Ed: Dale Denton & Alexander R. Slate

TRANSMISSIONS v14#3 (Jul 92)

Panhandle SF Society

c/o Joe & Sandy Ciccarelli

3911 Ereno Court

Panama City, FL 32405

Ed: Anne Davenport

West Wind #169 (Jul 92)

## AUGUST DAYS OF INTEREST

1 Jerry Garcia b 1942

2 Frank Kafka b 1883

Fritz Lang d 1976

3 Clifford Simak b 1904

5 Neil Armstrong b 1930

John Huston b 1906

6 Fiers Anthony b 1934

Paul Bartel b 1938

7 Jerry Poumelle b 1933

Oliver Hardy d 1957

11 Alan E. Norse b 1928

12 Dan Curtis b 1928

13 Alfred Hitchcock b 1899

15 Bjo Trimble b 1933

16 Hugo Gernsback b 1884

Stuart Allen Roosa b 1933

Bela Lugosi d 1956

18 Brian Aldiss b 1925

Roman Polanski b 1933

20 Howard Phillips Lovecraft b 1890

21 Anthony Boucher b 1911

Miriam Allen DeFord b 1888

Gene Roddenberry b 1921

22 Ray Bradbury b 1920

Gerald Paul Carr b 1932

24 Stanton Coblenz b 1896

Gregory Bruce Jarvis b 1944

25 Michael Rennie b 1930

Sean Connery b 1930

26 Frank Kelly Freas b 1922

Lon Chaney d 1930

27 Ed Gein b 1906

28 Jack Vance b 1916

29 William Friedkin b 1939

30 Mary Shelley b 1797



31 James Coburn b 1928

1992

# August 16 - September 26

1992

## FANAC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 16 Edie Stern's Birthday	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21 	Aug 22 01:00 T-11 ConComm 02:00 SFSFS Meet - Riverland Library 
Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29
Aug 30	Aug 31 Ward Arrington's Birthday	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4 Cliff Dunbar's Birthday	Sept 5
				MAGICON - Orlando		
Sept 6	Sept 7 STS-47 Endeavour (sometime this week) Labor Day	Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11	Sept 12
MAGICON - Orlando						
Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18	Sept 19
Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23	Sept 24 Sci-Fi Channel Premiers!	Sept 25	Sept 26

## **Gerry Antics**

We're proud to announce that this year's Tropicon Auction will benefit the comprehensive AIDS program's Food Pantry. A number of autographed books (Leiber & Sturgeon) and some original editorial art work have already been donated for bid. If you have any items which you'd like to donate to a very needy cause, please contact me at (407) 793-7581.

Our October SFSFS Meeting program will be an introduction to the works of Ramsey Campbell, Tropicon XI's Guest Of Honor. The recipient of numerous World fantasy and British World Fantasy awards, Ramsey has been enthralling horror fans since age 16 when his first short story was included by August Derleth in the Arkham House anthology DARK MINDS, DARK HEART. A selective bibliography will be provided.

The Palm Beach County Blood Bank Mobile Unit will also be on hand for those who wish to make an early donation to our Robert Heinlein Memorial Blood drive.

DATE: Sunday October 24th at 2:00PM  
(Tropicon Committee Meeting at 1:00)

LOCATION: Palm Beach County Library  
3650 Summit Boulevard,  
West Palm Beach

Circle that date on your calendar now!

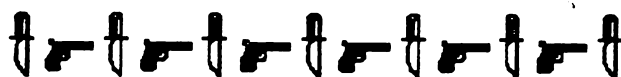
Volunteers are needed to join me as members of TEAM TROPICON at the 2nd annual Walk For Life on Sunday November 1st in West Palm Beach. We'll be carrying a Tropicon Banner for a three mile jaunt that we hope will focus public attention on the AIDS crisis, show support for those who are HIV+ or afflicted with AIDS and raise a few bucks for needy AIDS programs. Think of it as a pre-Thanksgiving training meet. If you're interested, call me at (407) 793-7581.

Recent confirmed Guests include Sid Pink and Robert W. Walker. Perhaps best known as the producer of ANGRY RED PLANET, PYRO, and the best Danish dinosaur film ever made, REPTILICUS, Sid is one of our most popular Tropicon guests.

Robert W. Walker has published over 20 novels (occasionally using the pen name Glenn Hale, Stephen Robertson, and Geoffrey Caine) in a variety of categories including YA, mystery, police procedural, thriller and horror, often with science fiction overtones in inventiveness. His more recent titles include CURSE OF THE VAMPIRE (Berkley/ Diamond 1991) and LEGION OF THE DEAD (Berkley/Diamond 1992); DR 0 (Zebra 1991) and KILLER INSTINCT (Berkley/Diamond July, 1992).

Tropicon XI will be his first con experience.

— Gerry Adair



## **Meeting Minutes**

The July meeting was held on Saturday the 18th at the library in Boca Raton, attended by 20 members, a fair number during the summer. Cards were signed for Dina, who is recovering from the removal of a benign brain tumor. Gerry Adair has spoken for the October meeting. It will be on Sunday, Oct. 24, about the works of our Tropicon GOH, Ramsey Campbell, preceded by a Tropicon meeting. Appropriately the bloodmobile will be invited. So plan to contribute, lest their visit be in vein. A new General Member, Shirlene A. Ananayo, was voted in. There is also a new Subscribing Member, Manuel A. Perez-Campos. Peggy presented a treasury report for the first half of the year.

	Tropicon	Club	Total*
revenues	744.31	1170.41	1919.46
expenditures	603.97	868.73	1472.70
net	140.34	301.68	446.76

\*Includes Travelling Fete, etc.

Deanna Lyman gave a program on costuming. She spoke on getting ideas and materials and brought a Bag of Tricks, items adaptable to fancy dress. Her children, Alex and Beth, came as Dr. Who and a fairy respectively. Also, Becky brought some costume dresses and a cape. Thanks to all of them.





Howdy pardner ...from - - - Sheryl Birkhead  
23629 Woodfield Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20882  
July 11, 1992

Dear Shuttle Staffers,

Thanks for another fine ish! The Michaels cover is nice--thought you might have found something to fit into the great white box she gave you (in other covers you'll wish such a box were there) to use.

As I have done before, I'm enclosing a postcard so you can let me know if the cover (also enclosed) is alright--or if there is something specifically you would like/need. I promise to try.

Since I am a sucker for cats (well, maybe just a sucker in general), I really like the reading cat--looks like he's *felin'* literary (yeah, there's a pun in there, but wasn't sure how to make it visual rather than audio!). Right now my felines are helping me paint one small wall- and getting **much** more enjoyment out of it than I am.

Yeah, summer sure is here (with the humidity these days it is *105*--not pleasant, especially without air conditioning)--and I imagine that, given your geographical location, the number of helping hands has dwindled as *MagiCon* looms on the horizon. Get out there and start beating the bushes for members! I see you've added two members (or at least changed a status here and there)--that's the way to do it.

With the news that the roof **has** to be patched and that one (big) reason for the poor TV reception is that fact that the wire runs up *to* the rooftop antenna but *is not attached thereto*---looks as if I may wait to even think halfway seriously about cable (SF channel or not). Supposedly they will trim the trees away from the antenna, run up

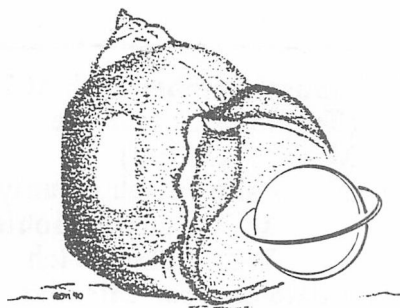
(and attach!) a new wire, and fix the roof all at once. Each time it rains, I wonder... Luckily the biggest problem (the one [so far] true leak) is in the so-called summer porch -aka junk room- that I rarely frequent...so a little of inside puddles doesn't even come to my attention.

I see that I was not the only non-member to be listed as a check-off member. Drat, and there I thought I'd been given an honorary membership - or something along that line!

Gee, are most months so full of *interesting* days? I realize they aren't all member redletter days, but it is really an interesting list...*Abbot and Costello Meet Frankenstein*...hmm.

Let's see how I did in the main category **this** month...6/13...about 45%. Not making much progress.

I think I have managed to procrastinate long enough to miss the mail pick-up for today--but I'll finish this off and see...thanks again for cranking (so to speaking) out another issue!



Teddy Harvia  
PO Box 905  
Eules, TX 76039  
10 July 1992

Dear Don & Fran -

I think you missed a great art opportunity not asking Phil Tortorici to illustrate Rob MacGregor's remark about Jack Haldeman staring at ovine posteriors.

Phil hit the right chord merging the instrument with the singer in his filk fillo.

Driving (by yourself) all the way from Florida to Oklahoma to attend a filk sing is carrying a tune a little far, don't you think?

So Dwight Douglas is looking for the perfect roommate, eh? Isn't everyone?

The fully dressed female without wings or fins in Linda Michael's cover art had me wondering? Is she trying to redefine the wonder of SF art? Ook, ook!

Beast wishes,



## Letters, continued

Walter Willis  
32 Warren Road  
Donaghadee N. Ireland BT21 OPD  
14 July 1992

Dear Don and Fran,

Many thanks for SFSFS SHUTTLE #87. I know I've been remiss in not acknowledging previous issues. It has taken the dreadful news of the abduction of Pop Korn to awaken me from my lethargy. I remember him from my trip to Tropicon a few years ago. I can only hope he hasn't fallen into the hands of one of those cereal killers one hears so much about these days.

I appreciated the messages from the various friends and admirers of Pop Korn, particularly those from Jesse Jackson and B. Clinton. I recognise the references, being so keen a follower of US politics that every fourth November I have to be forcibly prevented from entering the US Embassy in Belfast to exercise my franchise.

Becky Peters' reviews were of their usual high standard. Best,

Paying "Top Dollar"  
for Used Books in fine condition

Specialists in SF

Everything from Book Clubs  
to signed First Editions



(305) 444-5362

3318 Virginia Street  
Coconut Grove, FL 33133

DISCOUNT TO SFSFS MEMBERS

## South Florida Science Fiction Society Membership Application

Send this completed application form, along with your check for Membership dues to:  
SFSFS Treasurer, 4427 Royal Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33140-3039  
Make check payable to SFSFS.

July-Sept. Pro-rated General Membership - \$9.00      New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Request for upgrade from General to Regular - add \$5.00 to General \_\_\_\_\_

July-Sept. Pro-rated Regular Membership - \$14.00      Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

(Regular Membership requires minimum activity participation as set in the Bylaws.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 12 Month Subscribing Membership - \$12.00 (Non-voting - Shuttle subscriber only - great as a gift!)

\_\_\_\_\_ Child Membership - \$1.00 (12 years or younger whose parent or legal guardian is a SFSFS member.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work - optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (year optional)

Interests \_\_\_\_\_

## TROPICON XI

Guest of Honor  
Ramsey Campbell

January 8 - 10, 1993

Palm Beach Int'l Airport Holiday Inn  
Belvedere Road & I-95

Memberships -  
\$18 until Aug. 31, 1992  
\$21 until Nov. 31, 1992

To register, or for more information,  
write to:

Tropicon XI  
c/o SFSFS  
PO Box 70143  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143

Please make checks payable to:  
South Florida Science Fiction Society

## YAGTB:

☒ You are a member of SFSFS

☐ You are held in great esteem by  
SFSFS

☐ You've submitted a LOC, review or  
art (*please send more ☺*)

☐ Trade for your zine

☐ It contains a review/article of  
possible interest to you.

☐ You are ~~libeled~~ mentioned

☐ We haven't purged our mailing list  
yet.

☒ Fran's "bird" insisted

(she has enough paper in the bottom of  
her cage) ... *Perhaps your bird could use some?*

☐ You're the friend of a friend of a  
very good friend of ours.

South Florida Science Fiction Society  
P. O. Box 70143  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307-0143

Address Correction Requested



Edie Stern, Joe & Dan Siclari  
4599 NW 5th Ave.  
Boca Raton, FL 33431-4601

(R)



# FIRST CLASS MAIL